conditions for the issue of free passes and who are the authorities who have the powers to issue passes in Air India/ Indian Airlines?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(d) Air India and Indian Airlines issue complimentary passes to various category of persons, other than employees, based on commercial and business considerations. The powers to issue these passes are vested in the Managing Directors of both the companies. Managing Director, Air India has delegated these powers to certain Heads of Departments, including Commercial Director who has in turn sub-delegated the same through Regional Heads to the .Station Managers.

In Indian Airlines Departmental Heads in the Headquarters and Regional Directors are authorised to grant these passes.

Proposal to entrust publicity work to private sector

796. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to entrust its publicity work to the private sector;

(b) if so, the reasons for taking such a decision;

(c) whether Government departments are not able to give due publicity to their plans and programmes; and

(d) what are the other reasons to privatise various activities of the department of Information?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Docs not arise.

(c) In fulfilment of one of its objectives to create awareness and disseminate information among the masses about the programmes & policies of the Government, various media units of the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting have been putting out programmes through electronic, print and inter-personal media.

(d) Does not arise.

Fiscal Deficit

797. SHRI TRILOKI NATO CHATURVEDI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total public debt and other liabilities of the Central Government in 1993-94, 1994-95 and the projection for 1995-96 and what is its percentage *vis-a-vis* revenue receipts and revenue expenditure;

(b) whether it is a fact that IMF has warned India to curb Government expenditure as appeared in the editorial of "Financial Express" of 9th October, 1995 and if so, what specific suggestions have been made and what action has been taken by Government; and

(c) to what extent Government have been able to control the fiscal deficit in the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBIPROSAD PAL): (a) Since the question seeks to relate the public debt to the flow of revenues and expenditures it is presumed that information is being sought on the addition to public debt during each of the years indicated and not to the outstanding debt at the end of each year. The figures below have been constructed .on this basis:—